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TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 4256

INFO AMEMBASSY JIDDA PRIORITY

AMEMBASSY KUWAIT PRIORITY

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SUBJ: SYRIA REPORTEDLY RAISES RESUMPTION OF OIL BOYCOTT

1. AP CORRESPONDENT LOUIS FARES TOLD AMBASSADOR AUG 13
THAT PRINCIPAL PURPOSE KHADDAM VISIT KUWAIT AUGUST 9 WAS
TO REVIVE DISCUSSION RE USE OF ARAB OIL BOYCOTT SHOULD
PACE OF ME PEACE NEGOTIATIONS NOT REPEAT NOT BE SIGNIFICANTLY
SPEEDED UP.

2. FARES STATES THAT SYRIANS ALSO DISCUSSED THIS SUBJECT
WITH CROWN PRINCE FAHD DURING LATTER'S TWO DAY VISIT TO
DAMASCUS AUGUST 11-12. ACCORDING FARES "HIGHLY PLACED"
SOURCES, WHOM HE UNWILLING IDENTIFY, FAHD REPLIED SUBJECT OF
OIL BOYCOTT MIGHT BE TAKEN UP AT NEXT ARAB SUMMIT.

3. COMMENT: WE DO NOT REPEAT NOT REGARD FARES AS FULLY
RELIABLE SOURCE. SYRIAN LEADERSHIP HAS NOT MENTIONED
POSSIBILITY THIS CAMPAIGN TO US NOR HAS SYRIAN
MEDIA ALLUDED TO ITS REVIVAL IN RECENT PAST. CONSIDER
EMBASSIES JIDDA AND KUWAIT ARE PROBABLY BETTER PLACED THAN
WE TO DETERMINE WHETHER SARG DID IN FACT RAISE THIS SUBJECT
WITH THEIR HOST GOVERNMENTS.
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